

Disabilities Benefits Support Contract Committee

Agenda

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1. Review Minutes from 10/3/14 (**minutes provided**)
2. Reviewing items to correct COMA violation
 - At the August 1, 2014 meeting the committee agreed to fund Domino Dog Service but had not agreed on the amount. The grants committee recommended awarding the full \$50,000 based on the budget presented. The budget is attached. Proposed discussion and vote (**budget attached**)
 - I. Previous, unofficial discussion items: Were the concerns about long-term funding and sustainability plans addressed? Mark shared that they got their 501-C3 in the mail 2 weeks ago and they have had \$3K in donations come in. Only \$15,000 of the \$50,000 was for facility rental fees.
 - At the August 1, 2014 meeting the committee had asked for the Center for People With Disabilities (CPWD) to provide proof of their evidence-based evaluation practices, metrics and outcomes. At a grants sub-committee meeting not under COMA question, attendees recommended that receive full funding based on the response they provided. Proposed discussion and vote on funding CPWD's grant requests and amount (**see attached response**).
 - The grants sub-committee reviewed seven applications from the second cohort which were received prior to August 15th. The sub-committee made recommendations that are clarified on the minutes to their 8/25/14 meeting (**see attached**). The recommendations that need to be discussed, reviewed and voted on are on proposals from:
 - I. **Boulder Treasures** - A grant of \$100,000 from the DBSCC will support the imminent launch of Boulder Treasures' retail-based Employment Training Institute (ETI) for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). The grant will supplement existing start-up funding already raised by the founders and will be used for marketing, personnel costs, rent/utilities, and the purchase of merchandise.
 - II. **Colorado Mental Wellness** - Funding from the Disability-Benefits Support Contract Committee will help support the general operating activities associated with the Peer Workforce Initiative that will provide training to individuals who are disabled by a mental health condition. This initiative will also address system issues in Colorado that limit the awareness and utilization of Peer Support Specialists. The specific outcomes include increased community awareness of the specific tools and programs that support mental health recovery and

an increase in peers trained and employed as Peer Support Specialists throughout Colorado with the proper supports from employers.

- III. **Friends of Broomfield** - FRIENDS will use project funding resources to hire and train a Supported Employment Specialist, obtain needed infrastructure/technology, and implement necessary steps to create a Supported Employment Program.
- IV. **Sample Supports** is requesting \$100,000 in grant funding from DBSCC to subsidize the cost of hiring and training job coaches and a program developer from Sample Supports to work in Samples Restaurant. The money requested will cover four months of initial staff training and development costs to ensure a solid infrastructure base in order to offer long-term employment opportunities for clients with developmental disabilities. The funding from DBSCC will be utilized to provide extensive job coaching and employment supports for a goal of 30 clients with developmental disabilities that will work in the restaurant in stable and fulfilling positions.
- V. **Special Olympics** – Grant funding from the DBSCC would enable Special Olympics to implement Project UNIFY into an additional five schools in the 2014-2015 school year. Project UNIFY is currently in 107 schools impacting 53,000 youth. In the 2014-2015 school year SOCO will expand Project UNIFY into an additional 57 schools impacting an estimated 76,000 youth with and without disabilities throughout our state.
- VI. **Colorado Disability Benefits Support** – The amount requested will be used for General Operating Support. As a new start-up nonprofit organization (501c3 approval March 2013), this funding award will provide bridge funding that allows us to continue services without interruption while renewal funding and new funding awards are being processed. This funding will allow us to deliver: a) Group services to 30 individuals interested in applying for SSI/SSDI; b) Conduct 40 individual screening/eligibility services for individuals referred to our agency; c) Submit 12 SSI/SSDI applications using the SOAR model intervention; and, d) Train and certify 15 SOAR practitioners. Grant funding will continue our program services and cost reimbursable contracts services without any disruption while we await award notifications.
- VII. **Chanda Plan Foundation** - We are requesting \$40,000 from the DBSCC to plan for the expansion of new and innovative services offered by The Chanda Plan Foundation. By September 2015, our goal is to move into a new and larger facility that will serve as a “one-stop-shop” for the health needs of people with long-term physical disabilities. This holistic and person-centered approach will include a primary care physician, a nutritionist, and a counselor in addition to

the current location-based services we offer. Funding from the DBSCC will enable us to provide wellness to more individuals in need and add new services, thereby ensuring better health outcomes for our participants.

3. The DBSCC charged the grants sub-committee with other tasks. Although there are no official recommendations and there are questions about the outcomes, there still needs to be a vote from the DBSCC as to if they want to move forward on these areas and as a result of the AG's office recommendation, with do so:
 - Should DBSCC solicit applications that we want to see from organizations? How would we standardize this to avoid perceived or actual bias? Is this an RFP or do we only go back to past applicants?
4. New Business
5. Public comment
6. Upcoming Meetings
 - DBSCC – Friday, November 7, **2:00-4:00 pm** at 1300 Broadway, room 1F